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Dear Sir:

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

This paper responds to the outstanding July 16, 2001 Office Action. A petition for extension of time is filed herewith. Accordingly, the response is timely.